

CITY OF BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Mary D. Hart, RN; Julie Hathaway, MD, PhD; Taylor Newton; Caroline Tassey, APRN (Interim Chair)

HEALTH OFFICER

William Ward, Director of Code Enforcement

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH Department of Public Works, 645 Pine Street

Department of Public Works, 645 Pine Street THURSDAY JANUARY 16, 2020 AT 6:30 PM

Attending: Mary Hart; Julie Hathaway; Taylor Newton; Caroline Tassey, William Ward; Cara Simoneau & Celeste Crowley, Board of Health Staff

Absent:

Meeting called to order by Bill Ward at 6:39 PM

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Approvals: a) Agenda	Caroline appointed interim Chair, Taylor first, Julie seconded. Taylor mentioned Kate Longfield as a possible candidate. Taylor announced he will be resigning in June 2020, at the end of his term.	
b) October meeting minutes	October 2019 minutes motioned to accept, all in favor. Taylor noted, Caroline seconded. Agenda accepted as written.	
2. Marijuana legalization info cardDistribution of cards	The Board discussed the distribution of the marijuana card. Interim Chair Caroline suggested Champlain	
	College – packet in August 2020. Bill confirmed the Department heads have been contacted, and he will reach out to local businesses for participation in distributing the cards.	
	Interim Chair Caroline also mentioned hotel gift shops as potential distribution points, as well as, the library.	
	Bill will draft a letter asking for ????? Permission was given to distribute cards and	

	gather feedback.	
3. Public Forum	No members of the public present.	
	Director Ward introduced new Board of Health Staff, and Code Enforcement Administrator, Celeste Crowley to the Board.	
	The Board and Director Ward discussed the ongoing Permit Reform process, and gave an update on the new Department of Permitting and Inspections.	
4. Discussion on School Inspections	Interim Chair Caroline and Bill sent letter. Fire Marshall carries the weight of school inspections, but the BOH can make suggestions.	
	No further inspections are scheduled.	
5. Hepatitis A & B Prevention a) Oversee Public Bathroom Coalition?	What else can be done? Julie suggested to check in with Safe Recovery.	
	The hepatitis budget was discussed; \$1,000	
	went to Safe Recovery and \$1,200 to North End News. It was also mentioned that the	
	BOH information in the North End News be	
	updated. Interim Chair Caroline suggested	
	immunization and education needs to be the	
	focus, most important.	

	Should we ask for outside updates: Interim Chair Caroline – discussed support for safe injections. No decisions made Bill - bathroom opened in old mall which works towards a goal. Bill - Worthwhile place to put money with project with roof. Vulnerabilities exist with exterior disposal boxes.	
6. Emerging Issues	Julie mentioned the discovery of PCBs in BHS and how it may affect the teachers and students. It was discussed and determined that the Federal Government is responsible to be sure the testing is done and the levels are safe, as there is government grants for the renovations. Parent University: It was noted that residences attending the Parent University talked about not understanding the lead paint posters in their buildings. This lead to a discussion about having the posters printed in multiple languages.	
7. Front Porch Forum – Updates to the Board, post vacancies	Inerim Chair Caroline and Taylor will post updates for the Board, and vacancies. Interim Chair Caroline will write our Mission Statement for the Board of Health.	

	Julie will post about the importance of the Flu Vaccine for November. The next FPF deadline is January 29 th .	
8. Next Meeting – currently set as February 13, 2020	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Department of Permitting & Inspections	
9. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8: 07 PM	